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SUBJ: ANGOLAN REFUGGEES REFUSED ENTRY BY SAG

1. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS REPORTS SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT IN INTERIOR HAS REFUSED TO ALLOW APPROXIMATELY 2500 ANGOLAN REFUGEES TO LAND AT WALVIS BAY. REFUGEES CONSIST OF 1600 PEOPLE ON CYPRIOT FREIGHTER SILVER SKY AND NEARLY 900 PEOPLE ON 22 SMALL FISHING BOATS. ALL REFUGEES REPORTEDLY FLED FROM SOUTHERN ANGOLA PORT OF MOCAMEDES BEGINNING JANUARY 11 AND ARE NOW ANCHORED OFF WALVIS BAY. FNLA COMMANDER IN MOCAMEDES, KNOWS AS FELICIANO, REPORTEDLY IS ON CYPRIOT SHIP.

2. SAG MINISTER OF INTERIOR MULDER SAID PERMISSION TO LAND WILL BE REFUSED. HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE WILL BE JUMANE AS POSSIBLE AND SUPPLY THEM WITH EVERYTHING THEY NEED, BUT THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LAND." MULDER TOLD PRESS THAT REFUGEES HAD BOARDED SHIPS IN A NON-COMBAT ZONE WHERE LIVES WERE NOT REALLY IN DANGER, AND IF THEY WERE ALLOWED TO LAND IT COULD PRECIPITATE ANOTHER FLOOD OF REFUGEES FROM

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ANGOLA.

3. SKIPPERS OF VESSELS CARRYING REFUGEES REPORTEDLY HAVE
REFUSED TO LEAVE WALVIS. MASTER OF SILVER SKY SAID, " I'M
NOT PREPARED TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEATHS WHICH
WILL OCCUR IF I SAIL... AND THERE WILL BE MANY." HE
SAID FORCE WOULD HAVE TO BE USED TO MAKE HIM LEAVE ANCHORAGE.
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